NBC NIGHTY NEWS 9/11 2nd ANNIVERSARY - SEPTEMBER 2003

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From September 2003, NBC NIGHTLY NEWS reports of the 2nd Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks

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when the second anniversary of 9 11 comes around this week it will be a summer time of remembrance and for too many families it will be an extension of their morning but in its own way this 911 will also be a stunning reminder of the can-do spirit of this country the ability to move on to the next task including their daunting clearing and rebuilding at the pentagon and the world trade center tonight nbc's brian williams on the return of the trains of the twin towers jodah joseph lestrange it is still such a sad place where volunteers come to read aloud from a book of life stories of all who died here while right behind them is the largest construction project in new york which also happens to be the final resting place for almost 2 800 souls 70 000 people a day came here joseph seymour runs the port authority of new york and new jersey he's in charge of reconnecting the arteries to the west that were cut off when the buildings came down on 9 11. the train called the path to new jersey and back beneath the hudson river some thought it would take two years just to remove the debris we've already got our signs installed track five instead they've already built a new train station here named after the buildings that no longer exist the tracks run through the old trade center catacombs the small city once here dust covered after 9 11 is now gone but the tunnel is now open it's one mile to new jersey and this was once filled with water you can still smell it it's very familiar to new yorkers you can still see it the water damage the char in some places it's an eerie place to work i feel different about it now when i see those lights that are now lit and they're red that this is this has been a place that's been renewed many of the families of the dead say they've moved too fast to build here

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they've moved too fast to build here while remnants remain they worry it has changed too much but for the businesses here that used to be in the shadow of the bustling towers they can't build soon enough it's two dollars business at miriam yagwal's newsstand is off 60 percent we are trying to survive because it's not the same as it was before we need more people around more people working in the area the builders take great pride in what's gone up so quickly part of an enormous future complex the empire state building was built in a year i think that ranks in that magnitude with the trade center gone you can now see the very first train tunnel under the hudson into manhattan it was a marvel back in 1908 so were the buildings that once stood here now this city has to come up with one more brian williams nbc news new york is a special edition of nbc nightly news with tom brokaw good evening september 11th two years later osama bin laden still is out there somewhere a lot of terrorists are dead or in jail but afghanistan is heating up again iraq remains a war zone saddam hussein remains at large the american economy continues to struggle the federal government is spending a lot more than it is taking in a photo id is now standard issue and around the world the wave of sympathy for the u.s after the original attacks has largely evaporated it has been a difficult and deadly two years but today it was a time of remembrance at the world trade center site in new york and at the pentagon formal ceremonies gave way to mute reminders of that terrible day today's observances were carried out beneath sparkling september skies so reminiscent of two years ago we begin with nbc's bob paul on the many

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we begin with nbc's bob paul on the many ways that 9 11 was remembered today what was unbearable was born quietly moments of silence observed the same time the first plane hit at the white house with heads bowed simultaneously at arlington national cemetery and at ground zero a vast stillness broken when pairs of children who lost loved ones two years ago read the names of all known world trade center victims 2792 names so many one poet said there is barely room on the walls of the heart we miss him very much for 184 pentagon victims the ceremony at arlington national spit shined in solemn was accompanied by a pledge let this day always be a reminder to our nation to the world why we fight in freedom's cause today where that plane slammed into the pentagon a stained-glass window made from scraps of colored glass brought here by survivors was dedicated a day for remembrance said one mourner whose wife died in the pentagon crash and for rededication if we do not persevere we will be haunted for eternity by the memories of those who were taken from us on september 11 not all observances were public in rockaway point new york patrick and mary sullivan spent the day quietly two years after their youngest son patrick a 32 year old trader at canter fitzgerald died in the world trade center every day is a struggle every single day is a struggle some days to struggle it's tougher private pain public commemoration bells rung in shanksville pennsylvania for the 44 passengers victims on ual flight 93 while over the skies of california a

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while over the skies of california a message of solidarity today in lubbock texas over 3 000 flags were planted for victims of 911. in o'fallon missouri 13 tons of steel twisted at ground zero is now a massive fallen cross today two years later other voices were raised singing a prayer to accompany that litany of names robert joseph schar eventually each ceremony ends not the pain for us it's it's still it's right where it was it's right in your throat it's right in your heart and in america's patrick sullivan bob nbc news rockaway point new york for president bush this year brought a much more low-key observance of the anniversary than last year when he traveled to all three crash sites and embraced the families of the dead this morning the president and first lady and vice president and mrs chaney walked across the white house lawn for a moment of silence at 8 46 earlier they attended a church service afterward the president talked about this day we remember lives lost we remember the heroic deeds we remember the compassion the decency of our fellow citizens on that terrible day and on this day of remembrance a new warning tonight from the state department that al qaeda may be preparing more attacks against americans overseas most likely in europe or central asia this new worldwide caution warns these potential attacks could be more devastating than the september 11th attacks possibly involving this time chemical or biological agents the fallout from the attacks in america two years ago cannot be er measured so completely so many lives

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er measured so completely so many lives were so changed here is just one of them john yates a 52 year old civilian security manager was badly burned in the pentagon attack he was able to return to work but many of his deepest wounds have yet to heal tonight john yates in his own words i had second and third degree burns over about 35 of my body from my head my face my leg my arms and my back it's probably the most painful thing i've ever been through in my life this is the toughest part the no pain no gain portion of it going through the rehabilitation is very difficult emotionally this has been an absolutely devastating ordeal we can stop wearing the garments which i know is what you want my physical recovery is is progressing i still have some limitations in the use of my hands hey dear fella hey death guy my emotional and psychological recovery is also progressing but i still have a ways to go i see a therapist still every week and a lot of it has to do with coming back here there's always the apprehension that something's going to happen excellent security john yates i have to prepare myself every day to come here my office is now where i work or on the other side of the building and i park now as far away from the building as i can get yeah this was the point of impact going up into the renovated area i spend as little time as possible it affects me deeply when i come up here i hope that america never forgets and let's not ever let this happen again pentagon survivor john yates

tonight in his own words very shortly after 9 11 congress authorized a huge compensation fund for victims if they promise not to sue the airlines it quickly became an emotional issue when one man was charged with determining how much each victim was worth to the surviving family

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victim was worth to the surviving family some more than others and kenneth feinberg had to decide now his job has been complicated by an approaching deadline kenneth feinberg is a man with an urgent mission we are running out of time urging families to apply to the september 11th victim compensation fund there is very little i can do after december 22nd for people who have not filed a claim before it's too late the deadline comes in later in december of this year december 22nd with that deadline just three months away feinberg still is waiting for more than half of the 3 000 eligible families to apply in your experience with these kinds of situations it really has been a matter of making a determination and then moving on but you were dealing with grief that went to unknown depths here i think i underestimated the depth of that grief for many of the families that's an understatement they saw feinberg as a heartless numbers man our spouses and families were killed is my wife worth less than the bond trader for a town hall here at the nbc studios one year ago today this is tort reform in disguise they shouldn't be doing it through the back door and they should not be doing it on our backs period part of the charge against you as you know was that you were cold-watered and heartless that you administered this fund as an accountant as an actuarial have you changed i think i have changed but you'll have to ask other people we did with them and found those same angry voices had softened there's been such a drastic change in ken's attitude drastic enough that charles wolf one of

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drastic enough that charles wolf one of ken feinberg's most vocal critics is submitting his own application for the loss of his wife kathy and i can get behind him and encourage the other families to get into the fund and others like nick chicharro angered by an earlier brush off mr feinberg i have a few questions to ask you and he turns around and says we'll pick one it's getting late are happy to know that mr feinberg who lost his wife of 37 years and his niece decided not to sue along with others who signed up he waved his right to sue the airlines it would only deepen his pain it'll never go away ever but we've got to move we've got to we've got to live i mean the sun comes up every day that's a perspective feinberg hopes most families will embrace by the time his job is done next summer feinberg expects to have distributed more than three billion dollars but for him this job is about so much more than numbers have these families taking on a very personal form for you absolutely the toughest part of this job is meeting with the individual families it it it haunts you and feinberg is especially worried about the families of undocumented immigrants who died the busboys the window washers and so on many have shied away from applying for compensation because they're worried about reprisals more on that now from nbc's ann thompson they are the forgotten the undocumented workers of the world trade center here illegally seeking their american dream like ivan bautista a black belt in taekwondo the 24 year old left his home in lima peru with this promise to his mother gloria i'm going to be a great attorney a great defender for the poor and i'm going back to peru and i'll be the best of the best two years ago he was starting college paying his way and supporting his parents back home as a cook at windows on the world

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as a cook at windows on the world restaurant on top of the north tower yvonne was my baby because he was the last of my three sons like i never get tired of saying he's more than a son he was a friend to me in his final call from the building yvonne told his cousin to take care of his mom but now gloria is taking care of herself doing what few relatives of other illegals have done filing a claim with the restitution fund of the 100 undocumented workers who died that day only 30 families have placed claims the hurdles are many most are poor uneducated don't speak english and for those who live here afraid of being deported and they're saying by not going to the fund i would rather stay in america and forego that award attorney deborah steinberg reassures her clients with a government promise they can apply to the fund without fear of having

that information used against them in a deportation proceeding for gloria bautista september 11th was once a day of joy the birthday of her youngest son now it marks his death ivan luis cardio bautista there is a track outside lima that bears his name a bracelet on her wrist that once was his and from the american government a promise fulfilled to receive that money means like i'm receiving it from my son like he always used to say i'm going to be a great attorney and one day you'll never be without but she will always be without her son a price no mother should ever pay anne thompson nbc news new york new york's bravest two years after the worst day in there or any fire department's history 343 firefighters died on september 11 2001 and over the past two years more than 2 000 have retired nbc's brian williams tonight on the brotherhood

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brotherhood of the fdny that day every firefighter lost a piece of their heart he found nothing it was just steel and dust i don't think we all have recovered two years later the memories are still so wrong the eyes of veteran firefighters easily well up with tears these men are from engine company 68 in the bronx that morning rushing from another fire they entered the north tower in the confusion they had no idea the other building had already collapsed we're almost in the lobby and i'm telling joe i'm like joe where's the other building how many of the guys who were going in knew in the back of their mind probably weren't coming out again we were walking in like cattle to the slaughterhouse i said to myself are we going that building we're not coming out there were heroic tributes and wrenching funerals but while much of new york has resumed its routine its fire department has been changed forever how is the department doing today you almost have two departments now you have those that were firefighters before 9-1-1 and those that have started since for those that worked beforehand it's not the same i guess it can never be the same but we still want it to be so it's a struggle this tiny firehouse in midtown manhattan engine 23 was among the hardest hit that day six men who left here on that rig never came back they knew that people needed help they knew their brothers needed help and they wanted to be there captain john bendick runs engine 23 he has had to face the daunting task of rebuilding his decimated firehouse surrounded every day by reminders of the men he lost six photos on the wall how often do you think about them probably deep down we think about them

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probably deep down we think about them all the time the company's engine now proudly carries the names of the fallen i think each guy as he gets on the rig gets a little bit of a little bit of courage from that in firehouses across the city there are a lot of fresh faces more than 2 000 new firefighters since september 11th i really didn't know what to expect how the other guys are going to perceive us we can't really replace the six brothers that were lost here when the nozzle man makes the turn these new recruits have a lot to learn from the veterans while there's no substitute for baptism by fire it's good to see some old traditions returning like baptism by water for the rookies is it true that in the fdny the emotional therapy room is right in there behind that swinging door it is the kitchen is where eating learning and laughing combine to forge strong bonds these kids realize that we can have fun but when the time comes it's a serious job we play for keeps when we go to work there's nobody else in there just us so we got to kind of rely on each other that's what it all stems from and if there is one lasting effect of september 11th on all firefighters it is this their job is forever changed they have gone from fighting fires to fighting terrorism and every call triggers an unspoken thought when is it going to happen next is it going to be on my shift or is it going to happen to my fellow firefighters it's always on the back of my mind is this going to happen again brian williams nbc news new york on a day such as this the greatest meaning comes in the smaller moments and from the heart much more than from a floppy disk of a speech writer or a television commentator that's why the moments of silence for when the first plane hit then the second the attack on the pentagon the united crash in pennsylvania the collapse of the first tower then the

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collapse of the first tower then the second all those moments of silence became our common experience whether we were at ground zero or on an office floor in chicago a school room in alabama or an airport in spokane in that silence we were one in our grief resolve and yes anxiety and confusion tomorrow the necessary dialogue will begin again how have we changed what have we done right and wrong where do we go from here urgent matters that require the undivided attention of us all but at the end of this day the voices of the children echoed through the moments of silence and gave us hope my name is peter negan my father pete negron worked on the eighth floor of the world trade center i wanted to read you this poem because it says what i was feeling stars i like the way they looked down from the sky and didn't seem to mind the way i cried it didn't say i wiped away those tears or tell us tell us what's the matter here but shining through the dark they calmly stayed and gently held me in their quiet way i felt them watching over me each one and let me cry and cry till i was done [Applause] guide us with your grace [Music]

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